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may we QUOTE you on that?



[1] Pres DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, in his inaugural address: "We cherish our friendship with all nations that are or would be free. We respect no less their independence. And when, in time of want or peril, they ask our help, they may honorably receive it; for we no more seek to buy their sovereignty than we would sell our own. Sovereignty is never bartered among free men."

... [2] Sen HUBERT HUMPHREY (D-Minn) on the President's address: "I like what I heard. I only hope his people will carry thru." ... [3] Sen GEO W MALONE (R-Neb), voicing a discordant note: "I am disgusted. It means we are going to support everybody—carry the whole world on our shoulders." ... [4] GEO HUMPHREY, Sec'y of Treasury, on the growing gov't budget: "Various groups of the public keep turning to the fed'l gov't for everything in the world to be taken care of. Whenever anybody gets into a little

bit of trouble, he immediately runs to Washington and asks for something to be done about it."

... [5] JOHN S COLEMAN, pres, Detroit Chamber of Commerce and Burroughs Corp of Detroit: "It is the responsibility of all citizens to use the strictest self-discipline in asking Washington to do the things they could more effectively do for themselves. The point to remember is that what the gov't gives, it must 1st take away." ... [6] Gov GOODWIN KNIGHT, of Calif, after Mrs Knight's description of her inaugural ball gown: "What she's really wearing is my whole month's salary." ... [7] Rep PERRY SWISHER, Idaho state legislator, explaining absence of bill lowering voting age to 18: "The affection American youth displays for Elvis Presley ... makes us take a 2nd look at the judgment of teen-agers."

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Some of the more conservative Republicans are vaguely concerned with President Eisenhower's pronouncements of recent wks. They complain that "our boy" has changed; that he has become much too liberal. They are quite unhappy with the current trend of the Republican Party. As a political veteran put it in a conference with one of our editors last wk: "There has been too much miscegenation in the menageries. As a consequence, a hybrid species has emerged. Now, without their identifying badges, you can't distinguish the Elephants from the Donkeys."

The picturesque simile has some measure of validity. Republicans have, unquestionably, moved to usurp territory at one time reserved as Democratic stamping-grounds. (The more visionary Democrats, meanwhile, move to new objectives.)

But in one essential respect, we believe the conservative (Democrats would say "reactionary") Re-

publicans err. Basically the President has not changed (except as a prudent and perceptive leader alters his course to meet contemporary conditions.) The conservatives visioned a President fashioned in their image and likeness. Eisenhower is not of that mold.

Let us reflect that it is now 25 yrs since the last Republican President departed the White House. To robe the present incumbent in the strictive vestments of that era is unrealistic. So long as the world moves forward, gov't cannot run in reverse. No President, if he had the will, could take his country back to the policies—and the politics—of a quarter-of-a-century ago.

This isn't to suggest that we may not presently anticipate some modification of certain exhaustive (and financially exhausting) proposals of the Administration. A President historically seeks more than he is likely to gain. It is, in the long run, the people who set the pace.

This will not, in all respects, be the President's pace. Nor will it be the pace of the more retardative Republicans.



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AMBITION—1

A little watch, dissatisfied with being in a pocket, envied Big Ben, the great tower clock. "I wish I could be up there," said the little watch. "I could then serve the multitude." And suddenly the little watch had its wish. It was drawn up to the tower. But from below it was invisible. Its elevation had become its annihilation.— Dr Jos PARKER, quoted in *Bible Expositor & Illuminator*.

AUTOMATION—2

As to the likelihood that increasing dependence on machines will reduce man to the role of a dispirited and dull observer at the mercy of his robots, losing his ambition, his energy, and his interest in living, I fail to see even beginning signs of this. There is surely more boredom among a thousand oriental peasants carrying water buckets, or ineffectively pumping it by walking on treadmills, than among a thousand American farmers buying gasoline to run irrigation pumps. — GEO RUSSELL HARRISON, *What Man May Be: The Human Side of Science* (Morrow).

AUTOMOBILE—Casualties—3

At the rate at which people were killed last yr on British rds, we could be deprived of the services of every mbr of Parliament in 6 wks. — BASIL ROGERS, Sec'y of Rds Campaign Council, Art & Industry, London.

BOREDOM—4

Once upon a time a woman of my acquaintance who was trying to uplift working girls in the East End of London asked a class of them what the words "bore," "being bored," and "boredom" meant.

None of them knew the words except one, who thought it referred to being lost in deep thought. This happened some 50 yrs ago. By now uplift may have taught slum girls what it means to be bored.—BERNARD BERENSON, *Rumor and Reflection* (Simon & Schuster).

BROTHERHOOD—5

Brotherhood, like charity, must begin at home, be resident in your town, on your st, within your heart. If the fraternal spirit doesn't live within you, then it doesn't exist at all, as far as you are concerned, and you will not recognize it in others.—Dr J RICHARD SNEED, First Methodist Church, Los Angeles, in radio broadcast.

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Science has made the world a great neighborhood, but religion must make it a great brotherhood. —Rev LESTER A WELLIVER, Westminster Theological Seminary, *Christian Advocate*.

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washington

By Les & Liz
Carpenter



This Congress started off with a great burst of activity—which may or may not be a sign of what's to come. On opening day, the House met for only 113 min's, but 2,134 bills were dropped in the hopper during that period. That's an average of nearly 20 bills a minute, and a record-setter. It topped last yr's opening day by some 300. Fortunately, only a fraction of the bills introduced become law. In the 84th Congress ('55-'56) more than 18,000 bills were entered, less than 700 were enacted.

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The pick-up truck belonging to a Washington cemetery carries this sign on its rear: "Drive Carefully—We Can Wait!"

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Joe Smith, the highly publicised man who wasn't there at the Republican Nat'l Convention, has replaced Kilroy in pencilled scribbings around Capitol Hill. In several places, some of them strange, the same message has been written: "Joe Smith was here."

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The phrase "ferment of trouble" as applied to the Middle East caught on so well with mbrs of Congress—and has been used in so many speeches—that some wag has started calling it the Middle Yeast.

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BROTHERHOOD—6

Some yrs ago after a Good Will meeting of Protestants, Roman Catholics and Jews, a woman came to me and said: "Why make so much of this matter of Brotherhood? It is all very simple. Just practice the Golden Rule: 'Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you'."

"Yes," I ans'd. "The Golden Rule is quite sufficient as a principle, but the trouble is that so many of us do not have imagination enough to know what we would want done to us if we were in the other person's place, with the result that we do to him what we think is good for him, and that usually irritates him. The Golden Rule practiced without imagination is often just sheer irritation."—RALPH W SOCKMAN, "Keys of Confidence. . ." *Public Relations Jnl*, 2-55.

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The failure of Christians to accept and practice the doctrine of the brotherhood of man is the biggest single asset to communism in its effort to win the support of the world's peoples.—Bishop G BROMLEY OXNAM, *Missions*.

BUSINESS—7

People are still the most important factor in business. The American economy is superior because, thru competition, more people have a chance to express themselves.—GEO ROMNEY, Pres, American Motors.

CHARACTER—8

A person's character is put to a severe test when he suddenly acquires or quickly loses a considerable sum of money. — *Cincinnati Enquirer*.

BOOK BRIEFS



We have mentioned from time to time the coincidence of two identically-titled books issued in a single season by different publishers. The most recent instance brought to our attention involves books titled *Give Us This Day*, published by Hanover and Norton. Actually, the books are quite dissimilar. The Hanover volume is a daily inspirational guide, while Norton's is the acc't of a war prisoner in Japan. The two publishers are handling the unintentional duplication rather ingeniously. A joint release headed "Which 'Give Us This Day' do You Want to Read?" describes the books and expresses regret for any possible confusion. They conclude: "We recommend as the best solution, the purchase of both books."

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Ewald W Remy, writing in *Der Journalist*, a German magazine for writers, recalls an interview with Sinclair Lewis in which the American author was asked why, in his various novels, he had never pictured a happy husband. "For the same reason," replied Lewis "that I have never portrayed a 5-footed elephant who could fly."

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Sir Philip Joubert, British Air Chief Marshal in War II, and now retired, had a new book in the London stalls last wk titled *Rocket*. One of the interesting disclosures is the assertion that Hitler might have won the war had his V-1 flying bombs and V-2 rockets been

Author JOHN O'HARA, upon being informed that his award-winning novel, *Ten North Frederick*, had been banned in Detroit: "From what I have heard of conditions in Detroit, I am surprised they can spare a single patrolman for literary duty."

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timed for earlier quantity production. Even as late as '43, Sir Philip asserts, these missiles in sufficient volume could have been decisive.

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Some wks ago, *N Y Times* reported that in the movie production of Graham Greene's novel *The Quiet American*, the title would be changed to *The Violent American*. The producer issued a hasty denial, couched in what could hardly be considered quiet terms. Confusion arose, it seems, from the chance quip of a studio wit. Observing that an actor rather noted for the virility of his portrayals was being considered for the star role, the studio man remarked that the title should be altered to emphasize violence rather than tranquility. Just a joke, you understand. Not to be taken seriously. The title will remain, *The Quiet American*, even tho quiet Americans may these days comprise a marked minority.

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CHAUVINISM—9

Gov'ts are not unlike individuals. Just as anyone likes to see his own name in the paper, so do peoples of the world like to hear about their own country. — ARTHUR LARSON, head of U S Information Agency.

COMMITTEES—10

"They're so busy co-operating that nobody's doing any work," a committee chmn said of his committee.—*Food Mktg in New England*, hm, First Nat'l Stores.

CO-OPERATION—11

Man's greatest discovery is not fire, or the wheel, or the combustion engine or atomic energy, or anything in the material world. It is in the world of ideas. Man's greatest discovery is teamwork by agreement.—B BREWSTER JENNINGS, Chmn of the Bd, Socony Oil Co.

DISCIPLINE—12

Toward the end of his tragic devoted life, Gen'l Rob't E Lee attended the christening of a friend's child. The mother asked him for a word that would guide the child along the long road to manhood.

Lee's answer summed up the creed that had borne him, thru struggle and suffering, to a great place in the American legend. "Teach him," he said simply, "to deny himself." — BRUCE CATTON, Pulitzer Prize Historian, "Learn to Say 'No!'" *This Wk*, 1-13-'57.

DIVORCE—13

One American marriage in every 5 ends in divorce. The other couples fight it out to the bitter end. — *Arkansas Baptist*.

DRINK—Drinking—14

According to the Yale Univ Center for the study of Alcohol, there are 4,589,000 alcoholics in the U S today, of whom 705,000 are women. — *Wesleyan Methodist*.

EDUCATION—15

The chief support of an autocracy is a standing army. The chief support of a democracy is an educated people.—LOTUS D CAUFFMAN, *Ladies' Home Jnl*.

Quote scrap book

Moved by a radio speech in which Adolf Hitler asserted that England was no longer an island, EDNA ST VINCENT MILLAY, born 65 yrs ago (Feb 22, 1892) wrote this verse half-a-decade before the Atomic Age: This little life, from here to there —
Who lives it safely anywhere?
(The tidal wave devours the shore:
There are no islands any more.)

FAITH—16

All the strength and force of man comes from his faith in things unseen. He who believes is strong; he who doubts is weak. Strong convictions precede action. The man strongly possessed of an idea is master of all who are uncertain or wavering. Clear, deep, living convictions rule the world.—JAS FREEMAN CLARKE, quoted in *Friendly Chats*.

FAMILY LIFE—17

Family altars alter families.—REV W E CATHERS, *Together*.

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FUTURE—18

A historian has said that "often do the spirit of great events stride on before the events, and in today already walks, tomorrow." Never before was this insight truer or more meaningful than it is today. . . . However impressive the events that have filled the last 50 yrs, or even the last century, they will be eclipsed by the events of the next 20 yrs. — Brig Gen DAVID SARNOFF, Chmn of Bd, RCA, at Golden Anniversary Dinner in his honor.

GOD—and Man—19

When you love God, you bring a new perspective into life. As W M MacGregor, of Glasgow, put it, "When a man comes to God, it is as if he looked from the other side of the sky, seeing the same things from another standpoint."—DAVID A MACLENNAN, "Priming the Preacher's Pump," *Church Mgt*, 12-'56.

HAPPINESS—20

Men spend their lives in anticipation, in determining to be vastly happy at some period or other, when they have time. But the present time has one advantage over every other: it is our own.—CHAS G COLTON, quoted in *Good Business*.
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Happiness is good health and a poor memory.—*Phoenix Flame*, hm, Phoenix Metal Cap Co.

KNOWLEDGE—21

Daily life is full of bursting with such exclamations as "If I had only known!" and "Why don't they tell me these things?" and "That's news to me!" An impolite retort would be "Can't you read?" or "Do you ever listen?" or "Where have you been all your life?" — *Wm Feather Mag*.

LEADERSHIP—22

It is said that 10% of the people do all the thinking and furnish all the leadership.—*WHEELER McMILLEN, Farm Jnl*.

LIFE—Living—23

There are 2 things to aim at in life: 1st, to get what you want; and after that, to enjoy it.

Only the wisest of mankind achieves the second.—*R & R Mag*, hm, Ins Research & Review Service.

MARRIAGE—24

As a rule, men don't marry women on \$25 a wk, as they used to. Seems a girl must be earning at least twice that much before they'll even look at her.—*Wooden Barrel*, hm, Assoc'd Cooperage Industries of America.

MEDICINE—25

So keen is competition now, so fast the pace of pharmaceutical research, that an effective drug, once you have it, may be outmoded rapidly.

A case in point is the famous pneumonia serum episode some yrs ago. The serum, it was found, could greatly reduce pneumonia deaths. So several drug firms built elaborate facilities for turning it out. One huge plant, with accommodations for half a million rabbits needed in the process, was in operation only 18 mo's before sulfa drugs outmoded the serum. The loss was large. "We salvaged next to nothing thru sale of the rabbits," recalls an official.—*LAWRENCE GALTON*, "Do Medicines Cost Too Much?" *Household*, 2-'57.

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The King's Henchman

The King's Henchman, the 1st American opera of consequence, had its premiere at Metropolitan Opera House 30 yrs ago (Feb 17, 1927) with music by DEEMS TAYLOR and libretto by EDNA ST VINCENT MILLAY. With the initial performance it won gen'l respect for opera in English; demonstrated that our tongue is quite as singable as the romance languages of Europe. But there were sincere reservations.

Miss Millay placed her story in 10th century Saxon England, a circumstance which inevitably led to chauvinistic carping. Ignoring the pointed fact that Verdi, Gounod and Bizet based their masterpieces — Aida, Faust and Carmen — on alien areas, the Brooklyn Times echoed a rather familiar sentiment:

We can acclaim the beauty of Mr Taylor's rich orchestration . . . and admire Miss Millay's strong treatment of the old Saxon theme . . . but for the real American opera we want the Rockies towering against the American blue . . . It cannot be possible that the winds among our hills of grandeur have no tones of their own; it cannot be possible that the drama of our mighty plains and rivers is less adaptable to operatic treatment than the tales of ancient Europe. . . The American opera is still to come.

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MODERN AGE—26

It doesn't seem to occur to the average '57 model American that this nat'n was built by pioneer forefathers who conquered the forests and prairies by a stubborn will and tremendous endurance. . . Our modern American wants an 8-cylinder covered wagon in 3 or 4 color schemes and wants the trails opened by push-buttons. If he should run into a hostile bunch of Indians he would want to turn over the job of fighting them to his Senator and Congressman. He can't imagine why Paul Revere made only 8 mi/s per hr on his famous ride to Lexington, and also wonders if Paul's saddle was air-conditioned. And, naturally, he thinks the lanterns in Old North Church were illuminated by electricity.—J E STANFORD, *Tennessee Farmer and Homemaker*.

PERFECTION—27

Upon finishing a highly praised concert, Beethoven was surrounded by friends and admirers who could not say enough for his piano magic. One particularly enthusiastic woman remarked: "Oh, sir, if God had only given me that gift of genius."

Beethoven repl'd, "It is not genius, madam. Nor magic. All you have to do is practice on your piano 8 hrs a day for 40 yrs and you'll be as good as I am."—REV A PURNELL BAILEY, "The Bread of Life," *Grit*, 1-13-'57.

PUBLIC RELATIONS—28

Mgt is at last growing to understand that every policy decision, every operating move, has a public relations aspect that must be considered. Industry today regards public relations as a mgt function along with research, engineering distribution, mfr'g and personnel.—PAUL GARRETT, *Public Relations Jnl*.

**Brotherhood Week
Catholic Book Week
Nat'l Engineers Week**

Feb 17—Universal Day of Prayer for Students. . . Nat'l Congress of Parents & Teachers org in Washington, D C, 60 yrs ago (1897). . . 30th anniv (1927) world premiere of American opera, *The King's Henchman*, at Metropolitan Opera House, N Y C. Music by Deems Taylor, libretto by Edna St Vincent Millay (see Feb 22). Called "best American opera" it still is occasionally preformed (see GEM Box).

Feb 18—30 yrs ago (1927) 1st Canadian minister to U S (Vincent Massey) was rec'd by Pres Coolidge in a ceremony emphasizing closer relations between two friendly neighboring nations.

Feb 19—240th anniv (1717) b of David Garrick, celebrated English author and playwright; mgr Drury Theatre, London.

Feb 20—The 1st postal service act under the Constitution was signed by Pres Washington 165 yrs ago (1792). It set a rate of 6 cts for a letter to be carried not more than 30 mi's; 8 cts between 30 and 60 mi's; 10 cts between 60 and 100 mi's; 12½ cts between 100 and 150 mi's. . . Elegant society was beginning to give heed to the social amenities by the 1870's. Eighty-five yrs ago (1872) the 1st machine was pat'd for production of toothpicks. . . . 80th anniv (1877) b of Mary Garden, operatic soprano. A native

of Aberdeen, Scotland, she became famous for her interpretation of French roles.

Feb 21—The 1st sewing machine patent was granted 115 yrs ago (1842) to John Greenough, Washington, D C. The needle was threaded with short lengths, as in hand sewing. . . 70 yrs ago (1887) Oregon became 1st state to declare Labor Day a legal holiday. Pres Cleveland signed the bill making it a nat'l holiday in 1894. . . 45 yrs ago (1912) Theodore Roosevelt announced his candidacy for a 3rd (but not successive) term as President with picturesque phrase, "My hat is in the ring." (His Progressive Party split Republican vote, elected Democrat Woodrow Wilson).

Feb 22 — Washington's Birthday (225th anniv of his birth in 1732). . . 80 yrs ago (1877) Congress designated Bedloe's Island, in N Y harbor, as site of the statue, *Liberty Enlightening the World*. . . 65th anniv (1892) b of Edna St Vincent Millay, American poet (d 1950).

Feb 23—170th anniv (1787) b of Emma Willard, pioneer in education for women; founder oldest women's school in world, now Emma Willard School, Troy, N Y; author, *Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep*.

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A curious bulletin came from Antarctica last wk. It reported that after a prolonged struggle against an army of 150,000, the U S Navy had established a 4-acre beachhead at Cape Hallett.

Since we picture the area adjacent to the South Pole as a vast, uninhabited wasteland of ice and snow, these tidings border upon the fantastic. It should be explained, therefore, that the "army" was comprised of penguins, rather than people.

The beach of volcanic ash lies along the west side of the cape. It is completely occupied by Adelle penguins. Moreover, this is the hatching season; gray-fuzzed chicks were everywhere underfoot. Penguins watched landing operations with interest, but not alarm, since they have never known an enemy.

Sailors fenced the only level ground available. Then set about removing stubborn squatters. Chicks were gathered in baskets; adult birds snared with nets. All were deposited outside the enclosure. Hrs later, a severe storm blew down the fence, the birds ret'd and whole process had to be repeated. Now, however, all is secure.

The group is to establish a permanent station for observers in connection with the Internat'l Geophysical Yr of '57-'58.

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RISK—29

I went into a park one day to contemplate a serious problem. Overhead, a squirrel jumped from one high tree to another, aiming for a limb so far out of reach the leap looked like suicide. It missed but landed, safe and unconcerned, on a branch several feet lower.

An old man sitting on a bench said, "Funny, I've seen hundreds of 'em jump like that. A lot of 'em miss, but I've never seen any hurt in trying." Then he chuckled. "I guess they've got to risk it if they don't want to spend their lives in one tree."—OSCAR SCHISGALL, *Coffee Cup*, hm, American Duplex Co.

SAFETY—Safe Driving—30

Somehow I like this sign posted over the desk of Myron Bork, chief of police in Freemont, Ohio: "A drunken driver needs a cop for a chaser."—OREN ARNOLD, *Presbyterian Life*.

SEXES—31

"I kissed my first woman and smoked my first cigaret on the same day," said a world-famous man. "I have never had time for tobacco since."—*Tit-Bits*, London.

SOCIOLOGY—32

In the U S to an unprecedented degree, the individual's social role has come to be determined not by *who he is* but by *what he can accomplish*.—JOHN W GARDNER, "The Great Hunt for Educated Talent," *Harper's Mag*, 1-'57.

TEACHERS—Teaching—33

I believe that the teacher is the servant of the future, of the day after tomorrow.—FREDERICK MAYER, Univ of Redlands, "This I Believe," *Phi Delta Kappan*, 1-'57.

THOUGHT—34

Progress is always the product of fresh thinking, and much of it thinking which to practical men bears the semblance of dreaming.—ROB'T GORDON SPROUT, *Science Digest*.

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Thinking is an art; thinking deeply a medicine.—DAVID SEABURY, *High Hopes for Low Spirits* (Little, Brown).

TRAVEL—35

No matter how widely you have travelled, you haven't seen the world if you have failed to look into the human hearts that inhabit it.—DONALD CULROSS PEATTIE, quoted in *Rotarian*.

TRUTH—36

Truth is not a crystal one can put in one's bag, but an infinite fluid into which one falls headlong.—ROB'T MUSIL, *Science Digest*.

VALUES—37

The true glory of a nation consists not in the extent of its territories, the pomp of its forests, the majesty of its rivers, the height of its mountains, and the beauty of its sky, but in the extent of its mental power—the majesty of its intellect — the height, and depth and purity of its moral nature. — *Wesleyan Methodist*.

WAR—and Weapons—38

There is hardly any doubt that within one or two decades the nuclear weapons will pass into the hands of criminals. And there is no certainty that the rulers of nations would not misuse the nuclear weapons by plunging mankind into international or civil wars.—Prof PITRM A SOROKIN, Harvard Univ, *Science News Letter*.



It is well to remind ourselves occasionally that Americans have no corner on ingenuity. Here's an idea that, it would seem, might bear looking into: The speaker's podium in the Danish Parliament is being equipped with stop-and-go signals. As with traffic signals, green indicates that the speaker may proceed; a yellow light cautions him to prepare to stop, and with the red light he must come to a prompt conclusion.

In Paris, Baron Jas de Rothschild, one of France's wealthiest men, no longer drives a motor car in downtown traffic. He gets about on a motor scooter, explaining: "I can't afford to waste my valuable time looking for a place to park."

Amongst current offerings of European phonograph records, we note Bach's *Come, Sweet Death*, sung by the Zurich Physicians' Chorus.

British physicians are now joining vigorously in the gen'l scramble for higher pay. Pointing out that they have had no increase since '51, the nation's 60,000 doctors ask for a 24% increase and threaten to withdraw from the state-run health service unless it is forthcoming. Ministry of Health hasn't rejected the claim, but terms it "impossible" under present economic conditions.

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I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

ERNEST BLEVINS

My wife and I were sight-seeing in New York. On one of our trips, the subway shuttle from Times Sq to Grand Central Station was packed and, since we had plenty of time, we stepped back to await a less crowded train. "When will the next train be in?" I asked the guard.

"Why didn't you take the one that just left?" he asked reproachfully. "There won't be another one for three minutes!"



Two movie producers decided to play golf for the first time. On the way to a country club they purchased all the necessary equipment—shoes, sport togs, clubs, etc, and then checked in at the club.

"I'm sorry," the starter told them, "but you can't play today."

"But why not," they protested. "Look—we're all ready. New clubs, everything."

"Sorry," repeated the starter, "but you can't play today. There are no caddies."

The producers looked at each other for a moment and then one said: "So who cares? For one day we'll take a Buick." — ERSKINE JOHNSON, syndicated column. a

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How well do teachers communicate with parents? Not too well sometimes. Professional lingo (pedagogue, if you please) to some parents is as comprehensible as Esperanto. Take, for example, a recent discussion at a PTA mtg in Indianapolis. Considerable time was spent explaining to parents how the teachers "grade on the curves."

One baffled mother arose and said: "I can understand girls being graded on the curves, but I don't see how it works with boys." — MARIE FRASER, *Indiana Teacher*. b

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The old Scots engineer was being conducted around an English marine engineering plant by a brash, self-confident young Londoner, who never missed a chance of forcing home on the old man the great strides that the trade had made during the past 20 yrs or so. "Of course," said the young man, "in your day you didn't require a univ degree to practice engineering, or a genuinely scientific training to work to thousandths of an inch. Your generation never worked to such precisions as thousandths of an inch, did it?"

"No, mon," said the old Scot thoughtfully. "We just had to make it exactly right." — RENSON OLWELL, *Saturday Evening Post*. c

QUIPS

Return of the Saar to Germany brings back memories of World War II days when American soldiers were fighting to take the Saar away from the Hun.

In wartime the Saar is almost completely unattractive with its monotonous grayness and drab villages, and the average GI was depressed with his surroundings.

On one rainy day, I stopped at a regimental command post of the 26th Infantry Div'n and got into confab with a lanky private leaning against the door of a barn. I asked his name and his outfit, then asked him what he did—meaning his Army assignment.

"Wa'al," he drawled in hillbilly accents, "seems like there ain't nothin' a feller can do around here except shoot folks."—ANDREW TULLY, *Scripps-Howard Newspapers*. d

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A little girl was taken home to dinner one night by her friend. There were buttered parsnips on the table, and the hostess, knowing that most children aren't overly fond of the vegetable, asked if she liked them.

"Oh, yes," repl'd the child, not wishing to appear discourteous. "I love them."

However when the platter was passed, she refused to take any.

"But, dear," said the hostess, "I thought that you said you liked buttered parsnips."

"Oh, I do," explained the child, "but not enough to eat them!" — *United Mine Workers Jnl.* e

In grandma's day the biggest baby-sitter problem was diaper rash.—D O FLYNN.

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One thing conspicuous in a platonic relationship between a man and a woman is usually distance.—FRANKLIN P JONES.

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Most women have dropped their rolling pins and taken up clubs.—RAYMOND DUNCAN.

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A movie has to have love interest to be a success. In other words, there must be a chicken in every plot.—MAURICE SEITTER.

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Another of a motorist's unforeseen expenses is having his car overhauled by a cop.—Woodmen of the World Mag.

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It's a comfort to have relatives occasionally. In fact, it's the best way.—Oral Hygiene.

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Observes a cynic: "If anything ever replaces the alarm clock, it probably will be a pop-up electric blanket." — NEAL O'HARA, *McNaught Syndicate*.

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One of the hardest things about the business of life is minding your own.—Banking.

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The young housewife was giving an even younger housewife some cooking instruction. "Then add five gluks of custard," she concluded.

"Five what?" she was asked.

"Gluks."

"What's a gluk?"

"Oh, for heaven's sake!" said the young housewife. "Tip the jug until it says 'gluk' and do that four more times." — *Digest of World Reading*, Melbourne, Australia. f

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The story goes that the Lord and the devil decided to have a music contest. All the necessary details of scheduling were made, and then the Lord smiled at the devil and asked, "How do you expect to win? You know I have all the best singers and directors the world has ever known. And I have the best composers and arrangers, too. You simply haven't got a chance."

"You may have all the best musicians," said the devil, "but you have overlooked the fact that I have all the best judges!"—WALTER A. ROBBY, *School Musician*. g

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A 4-yr-old girl was visiting her grandparents. When put to bed she sobbed, said she was afraid of the dark, and wanted to go home.

"But you don't have a light at home, darling, do you?" said her granny.

"No," she repl'd, "but *there* it's my own dark."—*Tit-Bits*, London. h

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"Wise men write proverbs and fools quote them," observed the Sage. "Yup," agreed the Fool, "Who wrote that one?" — *Texas Outlook*. i

Quote

A suburban newspaper rec'd a telephone call from a subscriber reporting the death of her husband.

For purposes of the obituary, the woman bent the poor reporter's ear on her husband's many charities, his long dedicated service to the community, his love and devotion to family, his allegiance to church, etc.

As the exhausted reporter handed the notice in, the editor asked, "What mortuary?"

"I don't know," was the answer. "He probably went direct." — E. E. KENYON, *American Wkly*. j

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The police suddenly raided a card game and found 4 men seated around a table. The policemen took the men one at a time.

"Okay," they said to one man, "you're breaking the law gambling." "Who, me?" the man said indignantly. "I just sat down here to talk baseball."

"You're breaking the law gambling here," the policeman said to the second man. "Who, me?" the man retorted, "I'm a stranger here myself." The third man was dragged out and over. "You're playing cards, too," the cops shouted. "What's all this about cards?" the man yelled. "I'm waiting for a taxi to take me to the train." But the 4th man had a deck of cards in his hand when they brought him in. "Anyhow," the policeman said, "you're playing cards." "Me?" the guy said. "Playing cards? With who?" — *Nebraska City (Neb) News-Press*. k

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Boy friend: "I'm not saying she's a bad cook, but I know now why her family prays before every meal."—*McCall Spirit*, hm, *McCall Corp'n*. l

Richard Armour



An Old Spanish Costume

A new dinner jacket is inspired by the costume of toreadors.—News item.

The dinner jacket that's now worn
At parties where you'll find us
Is something really very new
And, with its brilliant, gaudy hue,
Is just about to blind us.

The jacket comes from far Madrid,
It's rather tight than full.
It's meant to make a man look
great

When in the ring—at any rate
As handsome as the bull.

The cummerbund can be detached
(It's always red, I think)
And waved to catch the half-blind
eye

Of any waiter passing by
When one desires a drink.

Or else to get attention from
Some gorgeous, curvy creature
With whom one craves to have a
dance
Or anyhow at least a chance
To say, "I'm pleased to meet yer."

Ah yes, this latest style for males
Will lend a touch of color
And make a chap like me who
sticks

To black, although it's after six,
Henceforth look even duller.

A Maine man reached his 100th birthday. A wise-cracking youth congratulated him and said, "Do you think you'll make another hundred?"

"Well," said the centenarian, "I'm a lot stronger than I was 100 yrs ago."—*Food Mktg in New England*, hm, First Nat'l Stores. **m**

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An English teacher was discussing the fact that Louisa M Alcott, in writing about herself, stated that she tried to sell stories to keep the wolf from the door.

"What do you think Miss Alcott meant by saying she was trying to keep the wolf from the door?" the teacher asked one of the 10-yr-olds in the class.

"I suppose," was the prompt reply, "she just didn't want the guy bothering her." — *Tea-Table Gossip* (England). **n**

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"What's my trouble, Doc?" asked the patient.

"I'm not sure exactly what's wrong with you," repl'd the doctor, "but if you were a bldg, you'd be condemned."—*Louisville Courier-Jnl Mag.* **o**

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In Rome the Pope was appearing before the tv cameras. After a half-hr of tests, the director suggested, "Your Holiness, I believe the effect would be better if you showed more animation, perhaps used your hands more." Repl'd his Holiness: "Let's face it — after all, I'm no Bishop Sheen."—*Leo Guild, Hollywood Reporter.* **p**

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PAUL RAMADIER, French Minister of Finance, in an official speech: "Gentlemen, we must save — no matter how much it costs!" (QUOTE translation). 1-Q-t

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JAYNE MANSFIELD, actress, asked why she was consulting an astrologer: "It's cheaper than a psychiatrist!" 2-Q-t

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British citizen, asked to comment on performance of a nude female cyclist at a London burlesk theatre: "It's the sort of thing that ought to be encouraged now that petrol is short." 3-Q-t

SECOND CLASS MATTER

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If you're entertaining any ideas of buying a camping trailer, you may think this one sounds unusually interesting. We did.

This little beauty is small, but it combines a house trailer, boat trailer and utility trailer. As a house and utility trailer, it has room for a standard-size bed for two people, and there's adequate locker and dressing space. Tail gate lowers to form a kitchen table; there are drawers for pots and pans, grocery space, stove space, an 8.4 gal drinking water tank, and a 5.4 cubic foot ice refrigerator. Top of the rig is a 12-ft Fiberglass boat (trailer is also Fiberglass;) together

they weigh just over half a ton. For details and prices, write mfr, *D & B Sales and Service*, 185 Worcester St, Wellesley, Mass.

Want something more exotic than a trailer? *Changing Times* reports a car which travels on land at 50 mi's per hr, and converts into a plane which cruises in the air at over 100. Plane is said to be spinproof, easy to pilot. Can be converted from plane into car in 2 to 4 min's by one person; wings and tail assembly fold neatly into a trailer unit that can be towed behind car. Mass production is expected to bring price down to \$4,000 (we don't know down from *what*).

